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AMERICAN BOOKS.

Three-quarters of a century ago Sydney Smith arrogantly demanded to know: "In the four quarters of the globe, who reads an American book, or goes to an American picture or statue?" Mr. Smith would be answered to-day with less embarrassment, for in the comparatively short space of seventy-five years the American influence has considerably extended. It has touched the four quarters of the globe, lightly perhaps in remote parts, but none the less surely and visibly. In literature, the American influence, in literature, has made itself felt in Mr. Smith's own precincts. To them we have exported poets, recently a Vermont. We have sent them many number of plays and taught them methods. All of our book "successes" go like wildfire over there. We have in some degree taught them journalism—a far more important kind of literature. Their magazines have adopted our style, and they try hard to follow our newspaper methods. America has instructed Britain in photography, even in some of the decorative arts and crafts.

The American influence universally carries with it something of an American kind of literature. In literature the influence is energizing, expanding. Just as the American spirit of, for example, commerce broadens and infuses life into the foreign commercial spheres which it touches, so does the spirit of American literature affect letters. It is a quickening, competitive, prodigiously active spirit, contagious and irresistible. In it there are vigor and healthfulness.

Who reads American books? Annually great numbers of them are translated into many tongues and millions of volumes are sold in foreign lands. The whole world reads them—the world which, as the years go by, is brought more and more under the influence of the Western democracy, yields more and more to the dominating ideas of America, and must, philosophers say, one day be laid under complete subjection to it. In proportion as the American influence increases in world affairs America's art will have life and power. That it is at least articulate to-day cannot be gainsaid, however Mr. Smith sneered at things American seventy-five years ago. The world is infinitely more widely interested in the America of now.

TWO NOVELS.

"Mrs. J. Worthington Woodward" is the title of Helen Beckman's novel, published by Dutton's. The Mrs. J. W. W. in question was a country girl transplanted to a bohemian social atmosphere in New York by virtue of the great wealth which her husband, the fascinating "Jack" Worthington, possessed. We are informed



ELINOR GLYN.

Author of "The Damsel and the Sage." In a foreword to the book was recently published and offered for sale under the title "Dainty Devils," the which was found to be misleading. As a matter of fact, the "devils," as the author sees them, are not specially dainty, but rather coarse and brutal and cruel. The book is quite evidently intended as a serious protest against the same old Four Hundred that have been so belabored with sermons of late. It is neither more nor less interesting than the other books belonging to the same family.

"Sons of Vengeance" is the terrible title of a tale that is terrible in one sense, dealing as it does with the Cumberland "Highlanders," the excise marshals, the feuds and hardships which impart such a strenuous flavor to some sections of the Tennessee mountains. There is in the story an abundance of that which we call local color. Some of the color is red. But not all; there are lighter shades of romance and comedy and humor. The author, Joseph S. Malone, knows his story and its people pretty well, and the book smacks rather more of reality than the average narrative. Persons who enjoy stories on the order of, say, "Stringtown on Fire," will probably read "Sons of Vengeance" with some zest. Published by the Fleming H. Revell Company.

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS. Except for the fact that Robert S. Speer is a little too obviously "preachy," his series of essays, "A Young Man's Questions," would be readable enough. But there is smug virtue which protrudes from the pages and now and then destroys the effect of the excellent advice which is proffered. Emphasis should be laid, however, upon the fact that the advice is excellent and the writer's sincerity of purpose is not to be questioned. Published by the Fleming H. Revell Company.

Dodd, Mead & Co. issue a facsimile reprint of the Bay Psalm Book, which has been the first book printed in North America, exclusive of Mexico. With it are a historical and bibliographical introduction by Wilberforce Eames. Stephen Daye printed the first edition of the Bay Psalm Book at Cambridge, Mass., in 1640. The desire for a translation of the Psalms, which would express more exactly the meaning of the original Hebrew than those in use at that time led to the undertaking. The principal part, it is related, was assigned to Mr. Richard Mather, minister of the church in Dorchester, who probably wrote the preface, and to Thomas Weld and John Eliot, associate ministers. The new Psalm book was adopted by nearly every congregation in the colony of Massachusetts Bay, and for that reason came to be known as the Bay Psalm Book. There are only ten copies extant of the first edition, of which only four are perfect. The facsimile publication is avowed to be photographically exact.

"Child Life in Many Lands," edited by H. Clay Trumbull, D. D., is a collection of sketches about children written by several persons. Through eyes friendly to childhood we are given glimpses of the homely tasks and the recreations and games of childhood the world around; under the shadow of the Labrador glacier, on the banks of the Nile, in India, China,



Author of "A Keystone of Empire."

Japan, South America, and in many other climes. The different personalities of the writers and their various viewpoints give the collection some variety and charm. The book is illustrated. Published by the Fleming H. Revell Company.

STRAY GOSSIP OF BOOKDOM.

Rudyard Kipling has gone for his usual winter visit to South Africa, where he still has the attractive home provided for him by Cecil Rhodes. Just at present he is much devoted to automobile.

According to Country Life in America, when an overtimid visitor from the city once commented to the poet Whittier upon the insecurity that seemed inseparable from so many more opening out from all sides of the large old country home, the master of the house strove gently to restore confidence by pleading that most of them were locked at night.

Frank M. Chapman, who has done more than any other man in the country toward popularizing bird study, has just published "A Color Key to North American Birds," which is an ingeniously arranged and illustrated bird dictionary through which one may learn a bird's name with the least possible difficulty.

It is a long stride from an Indian reservation to a fashionable country club. It is also a long stride for the country club idea from the suburbs of New York, Philadelphia and Boston to the wilds of Oklahoma. A graphic article in January Outing entitled "A Country Club in Oklahoma" vividly illustrates this remarkable progress.

Eight new letters of Doctor Samuel Johnson's have been discovered, and are published in the London Sphere. Among them is the last letter Doctor Johnson ever wrote with his own hand, six days before his death. It follows:

"Sir—I was not sure that I read your letter right, and therefore must trouble you to set down in words how much of my pension I can call for now, and how much will be due to me at Christmas. I am, sir, your most humble servant,"

"SAM JOHNSON."

"Dec. 7, 1784." He did not live to see Christmas, nor write more of his admirable letters. These were gathered by George Birkbeck Hill into two volumes some time ago, and published by the Harpers. It will be recalled that Doctor Hill edited what is now regarded as the standard edition of Boswell's "Life of Johnson," and collected all the other available Johnsoniana into two volumes of "Miscellaneous."

The Theater Magazine for January has many articles and pictures of special interest to theater goers. Henry Tyrrell contributes the month's interview, the subject being that fine romantic actor, Old Skinner, Harry P. Maxwell, in an article entitled, "Are All Our Theaters Safe?" reminds us of terrible theater fires of the past, and relates a curious experience of his own.

Stewart Edward White, the author of "Conjuror's House" and "The Blazed Trail," comes from Grand Rapids, and has, of course, many friends there who wish him well and follow his success with satisfaction. Mike Dwyer is one of those "good friends" of Mr. White's, and he wishes him well, too, but he hasn't been following Mr. White's line of work very closely. Mike is a professional wrestler, and was at one time Mr. White's instructor in athletics. Mike had been elsewhere for a number of years, practicing his profession, but a month or so ago dropped into Grand Rapids to see the old town and the old folks. He met Gilbert White, the artist, Stewart's brother, on the street, and immediately inquired after Stewart.

"What's Stewart doing now?" asked Mike.

"That's his making books," said Gilbert. "That's fine," returned the gentleman of the sporting world; "he's getting on, ain't he? Makin' books; is he? On what circuit?"

Mr. H. W. Lucy ("Toby, M. P."), who lately visited America, in a recent number of Punch gives a very interesting account of his visit to the White House. He found our versatile President in the midst of great affairs, yet snatching time to read and discuss the subject of the real of Dr. Samuel Warren's classic novel, "Ten Thousand a Year," under the title of its hero, "Tittiebat Titmouse."

Says Mr. Lucy: "Contemporaneously with the announcement of the rebellion in Panama, dexterously exploited by the President and his Secretary of State, John Hay, a personal acquaintance of mine in Washington, there was published in the States a new edition of the work of Samuel Warren. The time seemed to the President opportune for renewing his acquaintance with the works of the author of 'Ten Thousand a Year,' so, whilst the opposition papers fulminated denunciations of his Panama policy, he read 'Tittiebat Titmouse.'"

"How does the President, a man upon whose personal labor the sun never sets, find time for this miscellaneous reading?"

"I read when I can," the President says, "always a bit before I go to bed. Sometimes, at periods of great pressure, I awake about 3 in the morning. I lay there thinking of things I should be worried to death, until for my work in the coming day. So I switch on the light, take up my book, read a chapter or two, fall asleep, and wake up bright and early."

The Literary Magazine, "Literature a la Mode," by Herbert L. Stein, in Life: "Office of the Literary Handbox."

The Assistant Editor: "Frontispiece, picture of you, holding the new encyclopedia we're getting out."

"Very good. Put an ad of my book of verse on the back of it. What's next?"

"About twenty pages of literary comment. Scribblesby is looking up the anecdotes in the Library of Wit and Humor and Grinds is getting the biographies and comments of our authors downstairs in the publishing department."

"That's O. K. I read something last

night that Tolstol said to some one or other. Put it down to George Ade. I'll give it to you later. What special articles have you?"

"There's one on Colonel Scrubello, the sea man. He's just written a historical novel of King Charles's time, which we're publishing. Besides, he is going to give us a two-page ad for the next issue."

"Try to get a reference in it to the article on soap in the encyclopedia. I wrote it. We might be able to get an ad from that. What else?"

"Article by you."

"On what?"

"Well, we have called it 'Literary Ideas.' Hacker is writing it."

"All right. Tell him to use a few quotations from my book of essays."

"Yes, sir. We have a lot of book reviews besides."

"All our books?"

"All except one. Two-page review of 'Assyrian Philology,' published by Sharpers about ten years ago."

"Splendid! How have you got the best selling books arranged?"

"First, our 'Lady Susabelle,' and, second, my historical novel, 'Bonny Graf Heinrich.' It isn't published yet, but it will be a fine ad. You can have third, if you want. Fourth and fifth, I gave to Shapletons and Makebellions, for page ads. I've rounded the number off with one of my poems."

The Editor: "All right. Sign my name to it."

The Assistant Editor: "Aye, aye, sir."—Herbert L. Stein in Life.

"THE SPORTING DOG."

The Macmillan Company makes this announcement:

A new volume will appear this month in the American Sportsman's Library, edited by Caspar Whitney. "The Sporting Dog" is by Mr. Joseph A. Graham, managing editor of The St. Louis Republic, who has for years found his recreation in the study of dogs and horses, and who has acted frequently as judge at bench shows and field trials. His book deals chiefly with the breeds used by Americans in actual sport, one leading purpose all through being to describe and explain the variations which American demands have produced in shooting dogs and hounds. Llewellyn setters, laveracks, pointers, greyhounds, beagles and several other breeds used in regular sport have each a chapter, and all the notable individual dogs are described in detail. The chapter on foxhounds is by Messrs. W. I. Varner and C. E. Mather, the former describing typical American strains, the latter arguing stoutly for the pure English hound. Directions about breeding, training and care, gathered from the best modern conclusions on these subjects. Amateurs will find a fund of useful advice in the chapter on "The Selection of Shooting Dogs." Another portion of the book gives in compact



FRANK M. CHAPMAN.

Author of "The Color Key to North American Birds," just published by Doubleday, Page & Co.

form the bench standards and the running rules of field trial clubs. Three well-known amateur sportsmen tell what they find to be the best qualities in setters and pointers for field work in the United States and Canada. Several lively pen sketches drawn from the author's experience afford object lessons in the selection and handling of shooting dogs for the close cover of the East and for Western prairies.—The Macmillan Company, New York.

Books Received.

"El Nino de la Bola." Por Pedro A. De Alarcon. Edited with notes and vocabulary. By Rudolph Schmitt. Published by the American Book Co., New York. Price, 9 cents.

"Homeric Stories for Young Readers." By Frederic Aldin Hall, Litt. D. Published by American Book Co., New York. Price, 40 cents.

"Sons of Vengeance." A tale of the Cumberland Highlands. By Joseph S. Malone. Published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York.

"Child Life in Many Lands." Edited by H. Clay Trumbull, D. D. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, New York.

"A Young Man's Questions." By Robert S. Speer. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, New York.

"The Reality and Soul of Spiritualism." By Holcomb, San. Published by Grayson, Peck, Wilson and A. T. Robertson, from Collins; Fred Jones (two cases), Claude Boyle (two cases), and Joe Purvis, from Tarrant; Dr. C. G. Gaither and George Lockert, from Jackson; Tom Williams, from Montgomery.

On briefs for State: Pearl Wilson, from Collins; P. J. Shankley, Kid Kinney (three cases), George Wells and John W. Wallis, from Tarrant; Mrs. H. G. Niblo and Robert H. Smith, from Dallas; Datto Niz, from Houston; On briefs for appellant: Bud Bell, from Collins; On briefs for both: Alex. Sanders, from Houston.

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Courthouse Cleaned.

Persons having business at the Court-house yesterday were attracted by the cleanliness of the floors of the corridors and the pavement surrounding the building. The janitors the day previous, under the direction of William Noel, engineer of the Court-house, took advantage of the mild weather and subjected the corridors to a thorough scrubbing.

removing every vestige of slush and dirt.

From Palace to Prison

NURSE BELL looks after the children of the Princess of Wales. She wants fashions for children's coats and sends stamps for The Delineator.

Some faithful friend has subscribed to The Delineator for a man condemned to life imprisonment in Sing Sing for murder.

This wonderful contrast means that there is something in The Delineator for the entire human family from the palace even to the prison.

The Delineator



From a hundred attention-compelling features, in the February issue—out to-day—here are three:

MRS. OSBORN

THE RENOWNED NEW YORK DRESSMAKER

contributes her letter, giving the real essentials of the latest fashions. She discusses especially the 1830 skirt, its length, shape and hang. Mrs. Osborn can make gowns for only a few; thousands will get the benefit of her ideas from The Delineator. This letter is in addition to seventy new suggestions of our own designers and artists. If you wish to suggest ideas to those who make your dresses, or if you make garments for yourself, your children or others, a subscription to The Delineator will bring you as guides the most reliable authorities on dress in this country.

Doctor Grace Peckham Murray tells how women may win back the beauty which was theirs and enhance that which they have. Any woman who underestimates

The Power of Her Beauty

and its desirability is lacking in some essential womanly trait. No such remarkable series of papers has ever been published. Every woman who wants to be attractive (and that ought to include every woman who reads these lines) should get The Delineator and read these papers.



Music is a Living, Breathing Thing

To at least 250,000 of the 1,000,000 women who buy The Delineator everything that concerns the living, daily life of the world's greatest songsters is of intense interest. In the February number the second of the prima donna series, describing 'The Home Life of the Great Favorites of Grand Opera,' will be devoted to CALVE, to be followed by Melba in March, Sembrich in April and Nordica in May.

These are three of the reasons why you should get The Delineator for February. There are endless others: The Departments for making home more homelike. The Kitchen, with its practical duties and toothsome recipes. The Dining Room, the dressing of the table and the service. The furnishing of all the rooms, practically, inexpensively and artistically. Dainty bits of needlework of every kind. The physical and mental development of children. Serials and short stories.

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CONSTANTINOPLE YIELDS TO FAIR COMMISSIONER.

Cridler Induces Sultan of Turkey to Participate in Exposition, and Commissioner is Appointed.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Consul General Dickinson at Constantinople reports to the State Department:

"Up to the time of the arrival here of Thomas W. Cridler, the Exposition's Commissioner in Europe, the attitude of the Government had been persistently unfavorable to any official participation in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition."

"Notwithstanding the frankly expressed opinion of Minister Leishman and myself that the consent of this Government to participate could not be obtained, Mr. Cridler set to work to accomplish his purpose. Through the courtesy of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, especially the Minister for Commerce and Public Works, he presented to them facts and figures which appear in the records of this office, showing that since the establishment of direct steamship service between Constantinople, Salonika and New York in February, 1896, the freight rate on American goods has been reduced from about \$2.50 per ton to \$1.50 (\$1.50 per ton); and that the commerce between the two countries has immensely increased."

"The several conversations between the Turkish Ministers and Mr. Cridler resulted in a strong recommendation by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Council of State and the formal sanction of the Sultan. The Turkish Minister at Washington has been appointed special commissioner to the Exposition."

D. A. R. TO ERECT MONUMENT.

To Mark Site of Lincoln Cabin in Macon County, Illinois.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Decatur, Ill., Jan. 8.—After a dispute extending over several months, the exact location of the log cabin built by Abraham Lincoln, when he came to Macon County in the early thirties with his father, has been located, and the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will mark the site with a bronze monument.

The cabin was built by young Lincoln and his cousin, John Hanks, as a home for the Lincoln family, who had emigrated from Indiana. It was located in a clearing on the Sangamon River, nine miles west of the city. When Lincoln became President the cabin was removed to Boston, where it stood on Boston Common until the Centennial celebration at Philadelphia, when it was taken there. Since that time its history has not been traced. This cabin was the first permanent home of Lincoln in Illinois.

Matteson Land Sales.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Matteson, Ill., Jan. 8.—Lewis L. Lehman, president of the First National Bank, sold his farm of 321 acres, lying just south of the city, to Mr. C. B. Dalton City for a consideration of \$25,000. The Hopkins farm, lying south of the Old Fellows' Old Fellows' farm, was sold to U. M. Holmes of Cooksville, Ill., for \$25,000.

THEY DID NOT WAIT FOR FREIGHT TRAIN.

Conductor Nagel of Wrecked Passenger Explains Cause of Catastrophe Near Willard, Kas.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 8.—Conductor Nagel of the westbound Rock Island express which was wrecked near Willard on Tuesday, when seventeen persons were killed and thirty injured, admitted to-day, in a deposition made from his bed in a local hospital, that he and Engineer Benjamin had orders to wait for the freight with which they collided.

Conductor Nagel said:

"We had orders to wait for a special stock train at Valencia until 12:30, and to pass another stock train at Willard. We were late, and passed through Valencia at 1 a. m., and no stock train was in sight. At Willard we saw a stock train standing on the sidetrack and made no fast. We were going fifty miles an hour. Engineer Benjamin and I had duplicate orders."

ENGINEER CONFINED TO BED. Kansas City, Jan. 8.—Engineer Benjamin is here, recovering from injuries received in the Rock Island wreck. His physicians will not permit him to be seen.

REFUSED TO PROSECUTE SON WHO SUPPORTS MOTHER

William R. Durfee Was Sent to Jail for Three Months for Contempt of Court.

Judge Taylor of Division No. 3 of the Circuit Court, and Judge Moore of the Court of Criminal Correction, each dealt out severe penalties yesterday to men charged with contempt of court.

William R. Durfee of No. 929 South Fourteenth street was sentenced to three months in the city jail by Judge Taylor. George Retter of No. 65 Clark avenue, was fined \$50 by Judge Moore. Retter paid his fine and Durfee went to jail.

Durfee was the prosecuting witness against Charles Dossan, who was charged with assault to kill. It is alleged that Dossan shot Durfee last summer at Fourteenth street and Chouteau avenue. Deputy Sheriffs were unable to find Durfee and Judge Taylor issued an attachment saying it would stand for five years if necessary.

Durfee heard of this attachment yesterday when he returned from Cairo, Ill., and he surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Noonan. He appeared before Judge Taylor.

When asked for an explanation why he had not appeared to prosecute Dossan, Durfee said: "I understood that Dossan was the only support of an aged mother, and I thought it would be all right to stay away from court, while I did at the instigation of other persons. I received nothing for doing it and expect nothing."

Months Taylor told Durfee that he would be on the matter over until Monday if he

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thought he would wish to make any further statement, but Durfee replied that he thought the case might as well be settled immediately as he would not change his statement if given a year in which to do so.

The court then announced that inasmuch as Durfee's explanation was insufficient he would be sentenced to three months in jail.

Retter was the prosecuting witness against James Smith and Emma Luetty, charged with attempted highway robbery. Their cases were held Friday, and they were discharged. Retter did not appear in court and an attachment was issued for him.

Retter admitted that it was his love for the woman Emma Luetty, who was charged with attempted highway robbery, that led him to remain away from court, and paid \$25.00 to Deputy Sheriff Noonan, who took him to his home to get the money.

Retter charged in a warrant, which he swore out against Smith and the Luetty woman, that they tried to rob him at Fourth and Certe streets, two weeks ago. He admitted to Acting Chief of Detectives Kelly that he had been on friendly terms with Emma Luetty for more than a year.

HELD FOR HAVING MOLDS.

Federal Grand Jury to Pass on Case of Alleged Counterfeiter.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 8.—John Taylor, Jr., of Slater was brought before Commissioner Gelsberg of the Federal Court to-day and held for the action of the Federal Grand Jury, charged with having in his possession molds for the making of counterfeit money.

Taylor is a sawky country youth of near Slater, who had a scheme of his own to get rich quick, but was caught before he operated it.

MAY APPOINT MAJOR WARNER.

Slated to Become Director of National Military Home.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Washington, Jan. 8.—It is understood that Major W. H. Warner of Kansas City, Mo., will be designated to fill the vacancy in the Board of Directors of the National Military Home at Leavenworth, Kas.

Major Warner formerly was a member of Congress from the Kansas City district, and was instrumental in having the home located at Fort Leavenworth. The Kansas congressional delegation will urge Representative Calderhead for the place.

STEELHEIMER'S BODY MAY BE IN MEDICAL VAT.

Report Shows It Was Turned Over to Anatomical Board From City Hospital.

Search of the pickling vats of the different medical colleges in St. Louis is being made for the body of F. O. Steelheimer, who died from pneumonia at the City Hospital two weeks ago.

Howard Frazier, well-to-do farmer of Harrisburg, Ill., arrived in the city yesterday morning and requested Chief of Police Kieley to assist him in finding the body of Steelheimer, his brother-in-law. Frazier said that Steelheimer had disappeared from his home six months ago, and nothing was known of his whereabouts until Thursday, when Mrs. Steelheimer saw in a newspaper that her husband died in the City Hospital from pneumonia.

Chief Kieley detailed a policeman to assist Frazier in his search. They visited the City Hospital, and found that Steelheimer died there. As his body was not claimed by relatives, and nothing was known of the whereabouts of his family, the body, after being kept the number of days required by law, was turned over to the Anatomical Board.

The police could not ascertain yesterday to which college the body had been assigned, and it may be necessary to search all the vats in the colleges to find the body, if it has not been already discarded.

Given Campbell Asks Damages.

Given Campbell sued the St. Louis Transit Company and the United Railways Company in the Circuit Court yesterday for \$2,500 damages for injuries sustained by his automobile being struck by a car at Delmar avenue and King's highway June 19. Mr. Campbell was thrown to the street and received a scalp wound and other injuries, he avers.

Fatal Fall From a Tree. Thomas Maher, 45 years old, of No. 1308 Webster avenue, while engaged in trimming a tree at the residence of Doctor Foster, No. 3111 Washington avenue, suddenly lost his balance yesterday afternoon and fell to the ground. He struck on his head and sustained a fracture of the skull and broke several ribs. He was taken to the City Hospital and died shortly after.

"Bero-Formalin" (Kimer & Amend), used as tooth and mouth wash in the morning, leaves mouth sweet and pure all day.